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Applicant

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b.  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box No. II)

3.  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3A

as suggested by the applicant.

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b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

**IPC7: G01S 5/14, G06F 17/30, G06F 17/60**  
 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

**IPC7: G01S, G06F**

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

**SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above**

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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